

**Attendees:** Dave Myra, Carol Ready, RC&D; Richard Visser, Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Becca Wassell, Mid-Columbia RFEG; DJ Shook, Anna Lael, Kittitas County CD; Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Pat Monk, USFWS; David Child, YBJB; Jason McCormick, WWT; .Ken Schuster, Ecology; David Gerth, KCT; Henry Fraser, YN, Steven Kropp, URS.

## **1. ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve January Minutes ✓
- c) Update on SOW process 09-10 Jay Marcotte intended to be here today, but is not. E-mail DM asap what budget you have left over by Mar 31. Then we can amend budgets to best expend all funds.
- d) Discussion on NYCD proposal: Should we prepare an MOU re budget transfers between entities, particularly at the end of the budget year to ensure funds are spent?

## **2. UPDATES**

### **a) NYCD (JB)**

**Swart:** We conducted a TWG for this project last week. It was a successful meeting and consisted primarily of a site visit with Conservation District Engineers doing a walk through of their preliminary /conceptual engineering plans. The engineers are using primarily a soft approach for a majority of the erosion control structures, which should make permitting easier. Currently the property is being surveyed for on the ground engineering and project design.

**North Fork Ahtanum Gauge:** We are exploring the idea of bringing in a third party engineering firm to address all concerns related to this project, specifically achieving optimal fish passage and grade control conditions while still having the ability to accurately measure flow. The Yakama Nation has offered partial funding and the services of Interfluvue engineering firm, but we will need to procure more money to pay for their services. Conservation District Engineers have also made it clear they will not stamp or provide new engineering on any option that involves removal of the structure without an extensive geomorphologic analysis, including drilling and elevation data for several miles up and down stream of the structure. We may have to find further funding for the services of a third party engineer and geomorphologist.

**Fines Diversion:** We recently had contact from the landowner's business manager, who expressed his willingness and agreement that easement issues needed to be resolved between the landowner and irrigator. Hopefully this means that the two will sit down and come to some agreement that will provide access for the irrigator. This will probably include realignment and piping of the irrigation ditch from the diversion to the fields, which mean we may be able to use the Irrigation Efficiencies Program .

**Pump Screen Projects:** We did not receive any bids from any of the companies we sent packets to. Based on board approval we may go to A1 pump to get and estimate and bill the screens as goods and services so we can get them built and ready to go by the start of irrigation season.

**Shelly Ward Drilled Well Project:** The ringwell was decommissioned on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The entire project of drilling and decommissioning the wells came in \$2,100 under the original bid from Arcadia Well Drilling. If all goes well with output from both irrigation wells, the next step will be to abandon the diversion on Rattlesnake Creek.

**Cowiche Creek Water Users Association and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Hookup:** The Bureau is currently working with YTID to absolve any concerns that is has over the hook-up.

### **b) KCCD (AL)**

**Jack Creek and Indian Creek**

The bid package will be published next week with bids due March 30. The engineers cost estimate has increased since last year. The BPA contract is in the works for \$275,000 from David Gerth's project.

#### **Coleman Creek (Nisbet)**

The Corps permit hasn't been issued yet for this project. The landowner does not want to construct the project until this fall anyway.

#### **Coleman-EWC**

The SRFB grant has been approved and the milestones worksheet returned. A contract should be in place soon. The project will include engineering and design of the intersection and a feasibility study for the EWC deliveries. All work should be done in 18 months.

#### **Lower Reecer Creek (Jewett, Morgan, Fagalde/Wilson)**

The designs for the pipeline and pumps will be finalized soon. Jason (WWT) reported that he is talking with the Wyatts about their small water right.

#### **Currier Creek**

A change order was executed with the contractor to install concrete bands over the siphon. EWC is handling the dewatering using their diversion structure and the wells. Work is underway now and the first pour may be happening today. CR meeting notes: The corrective action (fix) selected was concrete bands over joints. There was Board (KCCD, EWC) agreement that the materials (CMP, seals) were not adequate for leak proof operation and that workmanship was subpar. The original preliminary design and materials were prepared before YTAHP became involved.

#### **c) KCT (DG)**

**Currier Creek Restoration Plan:** *GeoEngineers* has delivered a 41-page aquatic and riparian habitat restoration plan for the Deneen reach property between Hiway 10 and Town Canal. Three segments are described in great detail for meander creation, instream habitat and grade control structures, and riparian and near upland re-vegetation plans. The most upstream segment is designated for development of site specific engineering plans for implementation of conceptual restorations.

**Taneum Creek - Bruton Diversion:** Paul Tappel (Fish Consultants, Inc.) has been contracted to design a roughened channel fish passage solution at Bruton. The Preliminary Design Report (40% plans and specifications) and construction cost estimates are expected to be delivered March 15, 2009. KCT & NYCD will be executing an MOA to enable financial support from YTAHP using FY 08-09 resources (March 31, 2009 closure)

**Cle Elum River ELJs:** Major TWG meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009 at the US Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger Dist. Conference room, 10 AM. After TWG comments and questions the final design of the Engineered Log Jams will be developed by ENTRIX so that Permits can be applied for. Staging of root-wad logs is planned for June – Sept. and construction is scheduled to begin in autumn 2009. Additional construction funds have been requested from WA Dept. of Ecology, *Watershed Plan Implementation Program*.

**Swauk Creek Restoration:** *Herrera Environmental* has delivered a restoration plan for 8,000 feet of stream in the project area (Ranch on Swauk Creek). The plan includes conceptual and site specific habitat improvement actions for on-the-ground implementation. The Jan 2009 flooding has changed the Creek's course and roughness.

**d) RC&D (CR) Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration:** Submitted to Yakama Nation (Scott Nicolai) funding request for \$351,000. SN suggested a transfer of funds directly into the existing BPA funding contract as a mechanism, if funds are awarded. SN and HF indicated they may have irrigation equipment available to the project. Awaiting for NOAA response for \$268,000. Preparing invoices (SRFB, Ecology). If there are funds available to spend prior to Mar 31, this project could purchase herbicide, irrigation equipment, temporary water right fees, plant stock pre-purchase (purchase and stockpiling to ensure availability for planting).

### **e) Mid Columbia Fisheries (BW)**

**Reecer Creek** Floodplain: Monthly meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed); Planned TWiG = Mar 23 (design/reveg).

Spring Creek (Gina McCoy):

Naches/Younger Side Channel: easement document found (So Naches Irrigation District)

Wilson Creek/Helen McCabe State Park question of exclusion or flash grazing (Tip Hudson, John Eaton)

Jack Creek Reveg (SRFB \$) Meeting at Eburg Fire Dept, 1-4pm Wed, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>. InterFluv = design.

Olmstead – Farm bridge removal by June 2009. KCCD cultural review of whole project area(?)

Cle Elum Floodplain: Salmon La Sac to Wilderness Boundary (13mi). Ecology to KCCD to US FS.

### **3. PROJECT MONITORING**

JS – 4(d) Report to NOAA for 2008: Take increased slightly, 2009 looking good in that regard.

Numbers from recent monitoring efforts are being examined and will be made available.

### **4. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**a) Bruton Project** (Taneum Creek): PM – All Taneum Creek water rights have the same priority date.

January meeting feedback from (5) landowners. Flow meter data – concerns by water users. Flow tests (10 trials) on 1875 Right (45-54 gal/min). Continue to define project scope with users, surveying, engineering, cost estimates.

**b) WDFW Personnel:** (RV) Due to the economic situation, there is uncertainty re WDFW personnel.

**c) YBFWRB** (AB): RCO-SRFB Workshop, April 15-16, 2009 in Shelton; \$80. Case studies.

Community Salmon Funds (CSF) RFP out in March, due in April(?).

SRFB Preapplicatoin due May 4; with full application due June 8.

Yuki Name? (ex-forest Service) hired at YBFWRB.

**5. NEXT MEETING:** **March 18, 2008**, 9:30am–noon USDA, 1606 Perry St. Yakima (454-5736 x 128)

### **Other**

1.CR suggested a **Revegetation Workshop** on techniques, research, effects of flash grazing (periodic short-term) and case studies.